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Mark of respect: The college was closed for two days

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Students sent home after popular tutor collapses and dies in class

A teacher died after suffering a cardiac arrest at Chessington Community College.

IT teacher and year 10 form tutor Dr Jim Gill died inside the school building at 9.30am on Tuesday.

It is believed he suffered the cardiac arrest in the classroom in front of students at the Garrison Lane school.

London Ambulance was called to the scene but paramedics were

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unable to resuscitate him.

Students at the college were sent home for two days.

Headteacher Rob Niedermaier-Reed said: "Jim was a truly outstanding colleague who has given so much to our community.

"Everyone in our community,

adults and children, is shocked and upset by this awful news.

"However, first and foremost, our thoughts at this moment are with his wife and family."

A student tweeted: "RIP Mr Gill, you were loved by so many, and never let no-one down! I will never forget you, always in my heart."

Another student said: "Mr Gill had been the best tutor to us for the last

two years, RIP :("Can't believe it was only today I said that Mr Gill would be the teacher I'd miss the most when we finish school."

Former pupil Rhammel Afflick said: "I am in so much shock. He was such a fantastic teacher. Always willing to go above and beyond. Caring is an understatement."

Councillor David Ryder-Mills, lead

member for schools and continuing education, said: "My sympathies go to Dr Gill's family and to the whole school community.

"The council will support the school in any way it can at this tragic time, and our thoughts are with the staff and pupils as they mourn the loss of a respected colleague."

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Waterside plan makes shortlist

A “floating” riverside cycle path and a “super skyway” alongside Kingston Bridge are on a final shortlist for a share of £100m from the Mayor of London, writes *Joshua Brown*.

The 700m route from Anglers Green to Thameside was nominated with seven other outer London boroughs.

Kingston Council also wants to offer ‘super hubs’ at Surbiton and Kingston stations with parking spaces for as many as 6,500 bikes in Kingston town centre.

Kingston Cycling Campaign’s Jon Fray said: “We back the bid. We hope the schemes are workable.”

Councillor Simon James,



Floating: How the cycle path may look

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Kingston Council’s lead member for transport, said the proposals now needed to be developed and fine-tuned.

Former BBC journalist Andrew Gilligan, the Mayor of London’s cycling commissioner, will visit Kingston to see

the proposals in person.

A final decision on which councils will receive money is expected early next year.

Floating lane thoughts

Stella Chen, 35, housewife, New Malden:

“There are a lot of environmental benefits as long as it does not interfere with a river walk for pedestrians.”



Daisy Ashley-Hawkins, 14, student, Sheen:

“It will be a good thing if it happens as people can then cycle everywhere, it’s a better form of transport than cars.”



Martin Read, 62, retired, North Devon:

“Anything to promote cycling gets my support. It will be good for business around the biker-friendly area and good for the area.”



Lizzie Bowman, 14, student, Teddington:

“There are a lot of cycling places across Kingston and it could interfere with people sitting by the river. It could be bad.”



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Schools need a further 1,300 places in four years

by NAZIA DEWJI

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Kingston is predicted to have a shortfall of more than 1,000 primary school places within the next four years.

The September 2014 intake will leave 405 children without a primary school in the borough, according to latest predicted figures by the Local Government Association (LGA).

If no more primary school places are created this number is expected to rise to 1,301 by 2016-17.

Councillor David Ryder-Mills,

lead member for schools, said: “Obviously we have a problem along with all the other London boroughs.

“We will be working as hard as we can to provide school places and we are still confident we will have enough. There are three or four potential schemes in the pipeline.”

Adding an extra class every other year to primary schools might help ease the crisis, he

said, but schools have already been blighted with bulge classes and temporary classroom huts in playgrounds in the past five years.

A mother whose daughter is due to start reception in 2015, but did not want to be named, said: “We’re lucky to live in an area where the schools are of a very high standard, but that does mean there is already pressure on places.

“This is an extra worry that parents can do without.”

Earlier this year a free primary school on the border of Merton and Kingston, to be run by Chapel Street charity, was approved by the Department for Education and hopes to start with 60 reception places creating 420 places within seven years.

Last week, the Kingston Guardian revealed a planning brief for the former gas holder site in Seven Kings Way, Kingston, was being put to-

gether for a two-form entry primary school – but this is in its very early stages.

Coun Ryder-Mills said both of the new free primary school projects would create 1,000 school places for borough children – still leaving 301 children without schools, according to the data.

He added: “The more schemes you get on the ground, the less of the pot you end up with, because more money goes to authorities that are less far ahead with their planning and therefore in more dire straits.”

Councillor David Simmonds, chairman of the LGA’s children and young people board, said: “The process of opening up much-needed schools is being impaired by a one-size-fits-all approach and in some cases by the presumption in favour of free schools and academies.”

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A newly discovered photograph of the very first pantomime to be staged at the hall, in January 1909, has been unearthed.

The production was Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves, and the building has gone on

to produce one of the area’s most successful panto runs, raising tens of thousands of pounds for charity.

The hall – which has been an air raid shelter, polling station, dog training centre, youth club, scout hut, badminton court and comedy stage – is open from 11am to 3pm on September 13 to 15.

The event is part of Kingston’s Heritage Open Days programme.

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Alert over damp scam

Fraudsters posing as drainage experts from Dyno-Rod have been preying on elderly residents in Kingston.

Police are warning people to be on the lookout for three men claiming to be carrying out work at the back of residents' properties.

They then enter the property and distract the resident while one squirts water on the walls.

They then tell the occupier they have damp – and need to pay a deposit for a drying machine.

Detective Sergeant Vicky Washington, from Kingston CID, said: "The victims, now believing they have damp, are conned into

transferring money to a bogus Dyno-Rod account for a deposit they need to purchase a drying machine. "The amount can range anything between £1,000 and £20,000.

"A drying machine is then brought to the victim's home.

"They return on a weekly basis, telling the victim the walls are still not dry and continue to charge for further use of the drying machine."

The three men are white males in their 30s, and are believed to be driving a silver Mitsubishi Jeep.

Call Kingston police on 101 if you believe you, or someone you know, is a victim of fraud.

Hospital care investigated

An investigation is under way into another "never event" at Kingston Hospital.

The latest case – a patient safety incident that should never happen if preventative measures are followed correctly – happened on April 15 this year.

It involved staff failing to monitor or respond to a patient's oxygen saturation – the measure of oxygen in the blood, which, if too low, can cause hypoxia and be fatal.

The incident was included

in a report to the Kingston clinical commissioning group (CCG) this week.

It is not known who the patient was or whether they suffered injury.

A spokeswoman for Kingston Hospital said an investigation was under way.

It is the fifth never event at Kingston Hospital since 2011.

The previous four involved staff operating on the wrong body part, wrongly inserting a feeding tube and twice leaving objects inside patients.

Ex-leader 'had indecent images'

by ROSS LOGAN

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Former Kingston Council leader Derek Osbourne has appeared in court charged with possessing thousands of indecent images of children.

Mr Osbourne, 59, arrived at Westminster Magistrates' Court alone on Friday morning, holding a copy of Stephen King's The Stand.

The charges include possessing 50 images at level 5 – the most extreme category – as well as having 868 images of sexual activity involving children. Another charge involved having 152 images

of bestiality.

The former Liberal Democrat council leader spoke only to confirm his name, address and age.

Mr Osbourne, who lives in Burlington Road, New Malden, was not asked to enter a plea.

He was given conditional bail and surrendered his passport. He was also ordered not to have unsupervised contact with any child under the age of 16.

An adult of previously good character found in

possession of a large amount of level four or five images, for personal use only, faces a prison sentence of between 26 weeks and two years, according to Crown Prosecution Service sentencing guidelines. The sentence could be suspended.

Being found guilty of a large quantity of level three images, and a small amount of level four or five images points to between four weeks and 18 months in custody.

He will next appear at Southwark Crown Court on September 20.



Serious charges: Derek Osbourne outside Westminster Magistrates' Court carrying a copy of Stephen King's The Stand

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Plaque marks competition victory

A New Malden sports ground is proud owner of a jubilee-themed plaque after winning a competition that will protect the site as a recreational hub.

People at the unveiling ceremony last Thursday included former women's cyclist and OBE Eileen Gray, from Surbiton.

The event at Dickerage

Sports and Community Centre in Dickerage Lane was down to a successful competition run by the Fields in Trust earlier this year.



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Snack time: Cari Beard, Enfys Jones, Dolores Nicholson, Wendy Mauchline and Adrian Treloar

Party time in the street again

A street party raised an estimated £2,000 for a children's cancer charity on Saturday.

Mill Street Residents' Association celebrated the return of the annual Millfest, following a two-year hiatus.

Held on the green at the end of the road, attendees enjoyed a barbecue, stalls and a number of live bands.

The event also raised an estimated £2,300 for children's cancer charity Momentum.

Millfest organiser Nic Preston said: "We could not have hoped for a better turn-out for Millfest 2013."

"Having taken a two-year break, it was so nice to know that people still wanted to come and support us. We will be proudly donating more than £2,000 to Momentum."

Residents' association chairwoman Tessa Kind said: "The bands are getting better each year."



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NHS helpline performing poorly

by ROSS LOGAN

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Beleaguered NHS helpline provider Harmoni is still failing to call hundreds of patients back in time – but bosses insist it is “on course” to meet improvement targets by the end of September.

A report heard at a Kingston clinical commissioning group (CCG) meeting last week revealed the 111 urgent care hotline operator was still falling “well below” its 90 per cent 10-minute callback target, although the number of calls answered within 60 seconds had increased.

But Grahame Snelling, chairman of public health scrutiny body Healthwatch Kingston, said he was still concerned by Harmoni’s performance.

He said: “It’s obviously not as good as it should be.

“I think the targets are reasonable, I had occasion to use it once myself and thought it worked very well, but clearly that isn’t everybody’s experience. We’ll be talking to Healthwatch members as to

whether their experience is improving or not. I hope there will be a turn around.”

The company was due to be issued with an improvement notice by the South West London Commissioning Support Unit on August 16, although that has not yet been confirmed.

Things got worse for Harmoni after a patient experience survey also ranked its Kingston GP out-of-hours service in the lowest 20 per cent in the country.

Dr Naz Jivani, chairman of

Kingston’s CCG, which pays for the out-of-hours service, said: “Although the number of callbacks has stabilised, it is still short of its 90 per cent target. Harmoni already has an improvement plan for that target, and a deadline for improvement has been set for the end of September.”

Harmoni’s regional director Dave Tee said: “Harmoni is working very closely with our commissioners to regularly review performance and we feel we are on course to produce the levels of improvement

required to ensure all aspects of our service are at the high standard to which we aspire.

“Performance in many aspects of the service is robust and we are satisfied we have staffing levels which will enable us to achieve our targets.

“However, maintaining appropriate staffing levels is an ongoing challenge for all NHS 111 and out-of-hours providers and we have strategies in place, which we have shared with our commissioners, to ensure extra staff are brought in as and when necessary.”



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‘Fatberg’ legacy is one of noxious misery

The Kingston “fatberg”, made up of balls of fat and clumps of wetwipes, is still causing misery in the town centre.

London Road has been partially blocked for repair work for four weeks after investigators from Thames Water found a 15-tonne fat blockage – big enough fill an entire double decker bus – in a sewage pipe underground.

But the water company is still

unable to say when the work will be finished, despite the debris being pumped out last month.

A Thames Water spokesman said: “A significant portion of the sewer, which was laid by the Victorians, is broken.

“The road over the sewer has been dug up and investigations are ongoing to establish how much of the old pipe needs replacing.

“Until the extent of the

damage is known, it is not possible to say for sure when we will be off the road.

“We are sorry for the inconvenience this is causing.”

Investigators were initially sent in after nearby residents complained of trouble flushing their toilets.

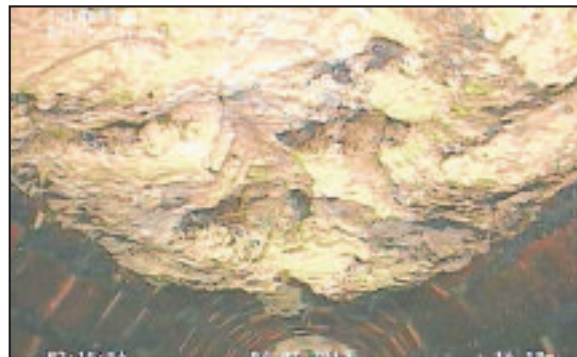
At the time, investigators said they had not seen anything like it before but, if it had not been treated, the result could have been raw sewage spurting out of manholes.

More than 68,000 people have viewed a video of the fatbusting exploits on YouTube and the firm that removed the “fatberg” has been contacted by journalists from France and Germany.

Lynne Truss, a former Tiffin schoolgirl, asked in her Daily Telegraph column why no one had spotted it earlier.

This week Private Eye referred to Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles as the “fatberg”.

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In for penny farthing

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**Upwardly mobile:
Seething Wells
Tricyclingathon
penny farthing
rider Jake**

Picture: Gareth Howell



Two friends have built a home-made penny farthing inspired by a 19th century bicycle mechanic from Surbiton.

The bicycle will be the star turn at this year's Tricyclingathon on Saturday, September 15 – a chance for cyclists to display their best Victorian moustaches if they have them and dress up as characters from the era.

John Keen was one of the first men to build a penny farthing in Britain and was based in Surbiton and he gained international notoriety both as a professional cyclist and as a manufacturer of bicycles.

Gareth Howell, who specialises in custom bike work, thought up the idea.

He said: "The Tatts and Beards Workshop started in the same way most good ideas do, over a pint in the pub. Somehow the conversation turned to penny farthings and by the end of the night it was decided, we were going to build one."

Gareth said they were planning on researching the outfits of John Keen, who was born in 1849, for inspiration on the day.

There will be three races of varying lengths, all starting and finishing at Claremont Gardens, Surbiton, from 11am on Saturday, September 15.

Council's new website riddled with errors

Kingston Council's new website was "riddled with errors" days after its £275,000 relaunch.

The new mobile-phone friendly site was criticised for having missing pages flashing up "Sorry but we can't find the page you are looking for", and problems with logging in.

Kingston Society member Matthew Rees tweeted: "The new @RBKingston website is riddled with errors but I cannot report them as the contact us page is one of those that is broken."

David Cooper tweeted: "It really is crap. They haven't managed to [do] a simple thing such as setting up redirects from old URLs to the new ones. Basic stuff."

But council leader Liz Green took to Twitter to help troubleshoot, tweeting: "Clearly need to look into this, but my old logon found my contact details & let me request a new food bin."

Conservative councillor Andrea Craig said it was an improvement

but councillors should have been involved.

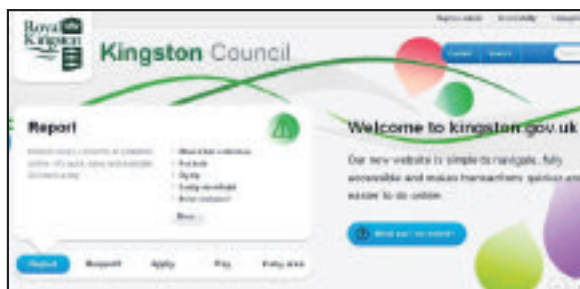
She wrote: "There were spelling errors in it and there wasn't a small focus group of residents to canvass their opinion/input before implementation."

A Kingston Council spokesman said the site was a success and more transactions online would save money.

He said: "The council spent a great deal of time testing the site before it went live."

"With several thousand pages of content there are bound to be a few things that need correcting."

Leicester-based developer Jadu has won dozens of public sector contracts including the Ministry of Defence and the Traffic Penalty Tribunal.



Broken: The new council website is facing criticism

PC injured in line of duty Crutch 'attack'

A Kingston police officer was injured while arresting a man allegedly fleeing after assaulting a woman in New Malden.

Police were flagged down by a bystander along Malden Road at the junction with Field Place on Monday at about 6.20pm.

They were told a 22-year-old woman had been assaulted by

a 22-year-old man.

When officers tried to speak to the man he ran off.

He was arrested in Wilton Grove on suspicion of domestic common assault, ABH and possession of cannabis, and was taken to a west London police station, where he was bailed to return in early October.

A man on crutches has been charged with assaulting a police officer after what is believed to be an argument over a dog.

George Aiden Leslie, who was allegedly Tasered by police during the argument at Green Lane Farm Kennels in Chessington.

He will appear at Lavender Hill Magistrates' Court this month to enter a plea.

The dispute took place at about 12.30pm on July 8. Mr Leslie will make his first appearance on September 17.

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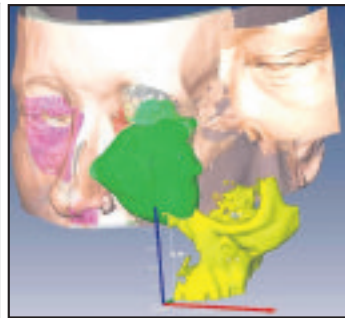
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'Facial surgery saved my life'

by ROSS LOGAN

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When Ann O'Sullivan visited her GP a few months ago complaining of headaches, she thought it was a simple sinus problem.

"I ignored it at first, but then I thought, 'This is silly'," she said.

"But then the doctor said he was sending me for an x-ray."

The scan found a large malignant tumour that had grown behind the left side of Ann's face.

The cancer was operable, but came at a heavy personal price – Ann, a grandmother-of-three, would have to lose an eye, half her jaw and several teeth for the growth to be removed.

She would then have to undergo groundbreaking reconstructive surgery, involving doctors electronically scanning the opposite side of her face to build a 3D profile that surgeons could replicate.

"It was absolutely devastating, but I must admit I got really upset when they told me I was going to lose my eye," said Ann, 69.

"I couldn't get my head around that, but my family kept me going – I wasn't allowed to get depressed."

Ann underwent the pioneering, 10-hour operation at the Maxillofacial Unit at St George's Hospital in Tooting.

Her jaw was reconstructed using a portion of leg bone, while several tissue grafts were taken to reconnect arteries and veins.

Despite a complication that led to her being back in surgery again the following day, she is now recovering at her younger daughter Helen's home in Moresby Avenue, Berrylands.

And she thanked her family – daughters Helen and Mandy, sons-in-law Matthew and Tony and grandchildren Freddy, 10, Millie, 14, and Alexander, 12, for helping her through.

She also praised the team at St George's.

She said: "My family and friends have been amazing."

"And the amount of love and care I've received from people that don't even



Aftermath: Ann O'Sullivan after the surgery

know me has been incredible.

"Out of the hundreds who treated me, I didn't have one person who was nasty or horrible."

"They couldn't do enough for me."

"That's why I get cross when I hear people moaning about the NHS, because my treatment was absolutely brilliant. I have got nothing but praise for them."

Dr Gavin Andi, one of two surgeons involved in the operation, said: "It's always satisfying to see a procedure go well and return people to their home environment so they can get on with their lives."

"The 3D imaging means I can look at the tumour from different angles and take the necessary measurements, including how and where bone is removed and re-sculpted."

"I am particularly pleased because Ann was allowed to go home on the pre-agreed date, despite the extra operation."

Ann, from Clarence Lane in Roehampton, said: "The hospital offered me a false eye, but I don't want that staring back at me every morning. I'm as fixed as I'm going to be and that's good enough."

Grandson Freddie even asked if her eye would grow back.

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New look: CNM plans of the interior and exterior of the complex. Inset: The present building



Backing dancefloor destruction at Regal

by ROSS LOGAN

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A campaigner has claimed the former owner of Kingston's listed Regal Cinema "did us a favour" by tearing up the building's historic flooring.

Richard Harrold, who runs the Facebook campaign Save the Regal, said Franco Lumba's actions would make it easier to place under floor heating beneath the cinema's art deco auditorium.

Mr Lumba was fined £45,000 and ordered to pay £29,000 in costs in April, after pleading guilty to executing work or alterations to the Grade II listed building between August and October 2010.

But Mr Harrold said the floor would have had to come out anyway, citing the Troxy theatre in London as an example of the restoration work needed.

Mr Harrold, who lives in Leatherhead, said: "In terms of destroying the floor, he's done us a favour and saved us a job."

"The Troxy in Limehouse had to redo the floor so it was flat, and we're going to need to do that as well. It could allow us to run under-floor heating or potentially ground-source heat pumps."

"Actually, aside from minor damage to the outer proscenium [the frame around the stage], which is entirely non-structural,



ABC: The cinema in the 1960s

Franco Lumba has done us a favour and saved us a hell of a lot of cash."

Mr Harrold said the campaign seeks to restore the building, built in 1932 by Robert Cromie, to something more akin to its original use.

He has called for a theatre, an alternative cinema, a concert hall, exhibition space and a conference centre, preserving the 2,445-seat auditorium.

Mr Harrold opposes the plans unveiled earlier this year by

owner CNM Estates, which is proposing penthouse apartments with the possibility of a boutique cinema, restaurant and heritage centre.

Mr Harrold said: "We feel the CNM proposal is insensitive, ill-considered and unjustifiable."

"The cinema was built by Robert Cromie and there are not many Cromie cinemas left."

CNM Estates chairman Wahid Samady said: "I have met Mr Harrold on several occasions and I know he is very passionate about the old cinema becoming a performing arts centre."

"I have said to him if he and his partners could come up with a viable funding proposal then I would be happy to take a look at it."

"I don't want to exclude any ideas, and nothing would make me happier than a viable proposal to produce arts in Kingston."

"But we have received no such proposal, and given we have provided sufficient time, I can only conclude there are none."

Save the Regal will hold its founding meeting in New Malden next week.

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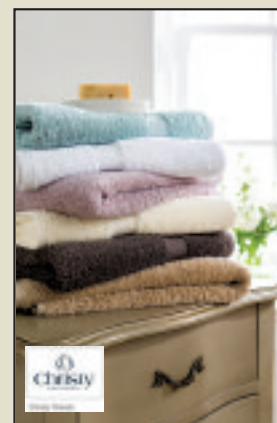


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Cheers: Bacchus nightclub won best independent venue last year

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Over the coming weeks organisers will visit all nominated pubs, bars and clubs to find out whether they make the cut in categories such as best pub, best late night venue, best staff and best door staff.

Last year the Ram in High Street narrowly missed out in one of the categories decided by the public vote.

But manager Sarah Paley said she was still excited about the annual shindig and was preparing for stiff competition once again.

She said: "We are just going to be continuing to do what we always do and customers come first. It would mean so much if we actually won. It would be so nice for our staff to be recognised for all their hardwork."

This year there will be two new categories introduced into the mix – best member of staff and the person or venue that

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has contributed the most to the night time economy.

The Kingston Guardian's sister paper the Surrey Comet is backing the only two categories that will be decided by the public vote – best behind the bar and best atmosphere.

Last year Woody's in Ram Passage took the best behind the bar prize after winning the Surrey Comet public vote.

Assistant manager Vince Bardsley said: "We still have the Surrey Comet article up. But unfortunately all the staff that helped win that award have now left. But we still think we can win it. We can win everything."

Last year the best atmosphere award went to Oceana Kingston, but no one from the club attended the ceremony and the category was withdrawn.

The UK-wide awards, now in their seventh year in Kingston, aim to recognise the positive contribution made by responsible licensees and promote sensible drinking.

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Tavern transformation to top wine bar with flats

An empty pub in Kingston will be converted into flats and a new underground wine bar.

Kingston Council has approved plans to convert the Fairfield Tavern, in Fairfield South, into a new, smaller drinking establishment with four residential properties above.

A planning application by Teddington-based James

Lloyd Associates was accepted by the council last week, after an original proposal to convert the Victorian pub into flats was rejected in January.

The revised scheme will see the majority of the ground floor and basement retained for use as a wine bar, with the upstairs converted into two one-bed and two two-bed flats.



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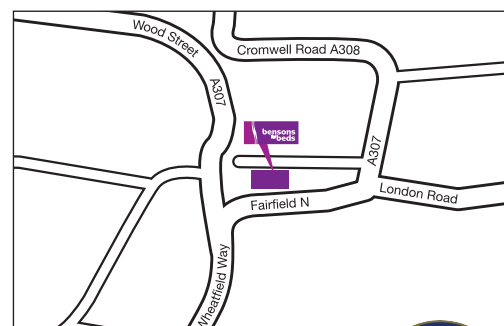
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Isle of noise Idiotic bus lane is clearly signed

I live in Portsmouth Road, opposite Raven's Ait, where there is an ongoing late night noise problem that the council seems unwilling to do anything about.

The problem arises whenever there is a party on the island. We are very happy for the island to be used for celebrations. But as recently as last week there was a wedding celebration that went on until very late and the music could be clearly heard in homes even after 10.30pm.

This is not reasonable for people with young children and those who have to get up in the morning for work.

What we would like is for the council to work with the owners of Raven's Ait to get some control over the noise, so that it does not cause a nuisance.

When complaints were made to the council last week to ask it to do something the council's advice was to ring the police, because it would do nothing.

For a council that has the highest council tax in London to react in this way seems to demonstrate complete disregard for residents.

I would be happy to meet with the owners and the council to help find a way forward.

PHILIP DOYLE
Prospective Conservative councillor
Grove ward

I am sure that Ms Robinson (Camera at bus lane set up to catch the unaware, August 23) would agree that breaking any traffic regulation constitutes an offence and that ignorance of the law is no excuse.

As a driving instructor, a number of my pupils have failed their driving test due to turning illegally into this bus lane, as Ms Robinson did, and rightly so.

As one approaches Ewell Road there is a road sign in King Charles Road that

clearly indicates the presence and hours of operation of the bus lane in Ewell Road.

A second road sign just into Ewell Road, clearly visible from King Charles Road, also shows the presence and hours of operation of the bus lane.

Her comments: "Unbeknown to me I was immediately in a bus lane for a few yards"; "The position of the bus lane gives no warning you were turning into one" and: "I am a very aware (safe) driver" illustrate a lack of proper

observation on her part.

To the best of my knowledge this bus lane has existed and been correctly signed for at least the past seven years. Ms Robinson's comments about the roadworks are irrelevant in this case as they do not affect the approach to Ewell Road from King Charles Road.

While I think this short section of bus lane is a result of poor planning and should be removed, I completely support the relevant authorities in their surveillance of the

bus lane and application of the applicable penalties.

As a taxpayer, I support the council in generating income from traffic violations, especially as it contributes to keeping council tax down.

As Ms Robinson is unemployed I imagine that the high rate of council tax does not affect her. I would be happy to offer Ms Robinson a free lesson to help her improve her observation and avoid getting into a similar situation again.

I would welcome the

Kingston Guardian campaigning about traffic issues such as this idiotic short bus lane, the inconsistency in lane times in Ewell Road and recent misleading changes to road markings at roundabouts, such as the approach to Hook roundabout from Hook where the A3 towards central London – a right turn – is marked with a straight ahead arrow.

COLIN STEWART
Kingston School of Motoring

Ugliness is no flower show Views being ignored Better paths

Great was our delight when, some months ago, we read in this paper that the ugly central reservation adorning Tolworth Broadway in Kingston was to be ripped out and replaced with a greener, pedestrian-friendly zone.

The artist's impression published at the time led us to understand there would be an explosion of vegetation, which by itself might greatly calm the road rage of drivers returning to the Home Counties.

Now the work is nearing completion, we can stand back and consider how close the final article will come to the impression we were offered.

The trees are on their way, to

be planted at intervals where ghastly railings used to be.

But, oh alas, there is to be no grass under foot, no waving ribbon of bee-friendly wild flowers, no shrubs and bushes, no gay bedding-out flowers.

What, you may ask, is there then, under the spreading trees to come?

Asphalt, my maties – cast in swirls of lurid green – bottle green, poison green, lime green and a killing acid green.

Oh evil day, when "greening" means coloured paving. Can no change be wrought to this senseless decision?

ANNA CUNNYNGHAM
Surbiton

Following the debates about the Cocks Crescent site during the recent Beverley by-election, the Kingston Guardian reports (September 5) plans to turn an office block in Blagdon Road into 77 flats.

There is nothing wrong in principle with using empty offices to meet housing needs. But it is very wrong that the views of residents are being bypassed.

The developers will avoid financial contributions that councils can otherwise seek towards the cost of providing services to incoming residents. It would also appear the affordable housing

element of a new development may be ignored.

New planning rules introduced by the Government make this possible. Islington Council has launched proceedings to challenge this by judicial review. Support has been offered by Richmond and Sutton.

While Kingston's Lib Dems are happy to snipe at the Government when it suits them, doing something to safeguard local interests appears to be a step too far.

MARIAN FREEDMAN
Labour candidate
Beverly ward

Although I commend the council's efforts to improve cycling facilities in the borough, I think the money would be better spent improving and restoring current cycling facilities.

The cycle ways by the side of the bridge need resurfacing and it is quite dangerous re-joining traffic on the right hand side coming from the town centre.

The Dutch model for cycle paths joining roads should be looked at and current cycling routes improved and resurfaced.

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FURY'S TORNADOS were his longest serving band through to his untimely death on January 28 1983. The original members of the band have reformed to present the show 'Halfway To Paradise', a celebration of his life story and music in a 2 hour spectacular including all the original music, authentically recreated by one of the best Rock N Roll bands ever, along with previously unseen live footage of Billy live on stage with Fury's Tornadoes.

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Let them eat static

Inimitable post-rock instrumentalists 65daysofstatic head to Kingston for an album launch show at McClusky's next week.

The Sheffield four-piece will be showcasing tracks from their new record *Wild Light* – and those heading to Thursday's gig will be the first to witness a new dawn in the band's legendary live set.

"We couldn't squeeze any more on to our old live rig," says Paul Wolinski, one of 65dos's founding members. "We've rebuilt the set from the ground up, and Kingston will be the first show where we introduce that. It's going to be the first show where we get to play most of this new record."

"We'll probably make the most of that and bore everyone stupid."

According to Wolinski, *Wild Light* marks something of a departure from the band's previous releases.

"We've always tried to never make the same album twice," he says. "Those albums still exist for those people who prefer the old 65."

"It's [*Wild Light*] relatively stripped down for a 65 album. It's more focused. We wanted to make it simpler without losing any of our urgency."

The need for change came about due to the group's own satisfaction with their previous album, *We Were Exploding Anyway*.

"The last proper record we did – that felt like the record we'd been trying to write for the first decade of being in a band," says Wolinski.

"But it also felt like an end point. It didn't feel like we wanted to stop. We were looking for a new thing and it took us a while."

"We've only just got there but it bodes really well for the future."

"We've always tried to never make the same album twice."

65daysofstatic
 ● New Slang, McClusky's, Thames Street Kingston; Thursday, September 19, 9pm; Tickets £6 to £13 banquetrecords.com

Vibe SHORTS

GAME TIME: Hook and Chessington library will be hosting a fun-filled games afternoon for all to enjoy next weekend. For those who think they have got the cutting edge in chess, bridge or cribbage pop along this month.

● **Games afternoon; Hook and Chessington library, Hook Centre, Hook Road, Hook; September 17, 3pm; £1.50; call 020 8547 5006.**

TALK WINE: A wine writer will pop along to the Canbury Arms to talk vino this month. Attendees will enjoy a specially created dinner menu with four chosen Bordeaux wines to complement the evening with Sainsbury's magazine writer Richard Hemming. He has been hosting wine affairs with great food, great people and great bottles on his journey to become a Master of Wine.

● **Sip 'n' Supper; the Canbury Arms, 49 Canbury Park Road, Kingston; Thursday, September 26, 7pm; £45; 020 8255 9129; thecanburyarms.com.**

FOAM PARTY: The Hippodrome nightclub is opening up its doors to 2,000 revellers for a freshers' foam party this weekend. Come along to the moving in party that will have commercial, dubstep and deep house in two rooms.

● **Fresher's moving in foam party; Hippodrome, St James' Road, Kingston; Sunday, September 15, 10pm; 020 8541 4411; kingstonhippodrome.co.uk.**

GOING OUT OF TOWN?

COMEDY

After TV appearances Hal Crutenden is touted as one of the rising stars on the comedy circuit.

● **Hal Crutenden; Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Avenue, Epsom; September 19, 8pm; £12; 01372 742553/742227; epsomplayhouse.co.uk.**

Professional Grumpy Old Woman Jenny Eclair heads to the Landmark Arts Centre stage.

● **Jenny Eclair: Eclarious! Landmark Arts Centre, Ferry Road, Teddington; September 19, 8pm; £16; landmarkartscentre.org.**

FESTIVAL

Food, fun and live music from the Artful Badger at family festival Beer by the River.

● **Beer by the River; Morden Hall Park, SM4 5JD; September 14, noon to 5pm and 5pm to 11pm; £19 and £22; 020 8545 6850, mordenhallparkevents@nationaltrust.org.uk.**

MUSIC

The God of Hellfire brings you fire in Richmond.

● **The Crazy World of Arthur Brown; Eel Pie Club, the Patch, London Road, Twickenham; September 12, doors open 8.30pm, show starts 9.15pm to 11pm; £17, £15 members; eelpieclub.com, 07732 322610.**

LONG AGO AND far away



A photographer who trekked across Asia and Africa in the 1980s has put up an exhibition of his works from 30 years ago, writes Nazia Dewji.

Thomas Jentsch walked villages and fields off the beaten track with just a small backpack of supplies including two battered Nikons and 64 film rolls.

But it was here that he would capture the curious nature of people towards Westerners, the poverty that lay within regions and the beauty and friendliness within other communities.

Jentsch has now delved back in time to take audiences through his 18-month journey.

He says: "For many years, while busy travelling and working elsewhere, these slide transparencies lay mothballed in boxes, almost

forgotten until I rediscovered them one day, selected the best ones and had them scanned into digital format.

"Now, almost 30 years later, I am very pleased that these portraits, landscapes and street scenes see the light of day once again, remembering and honouring the encounters with wonderful people, some of whom have undoubtedly passed on in the meantime, yet who now offer reminiscence of a moment in history."

During his travels Jentsch worked for the United Nations and the European Union in aid across the different regions he visited.

The German-born photographer also packed in an advertising job in the United States in exchange for the eastern adventure.

Having visited China years after his initial trip to the

region, Jentsch says it has "changed beyond recognition".

He says: "Where once traditional Chinese courtyard residences stood and where many of the Chinese portraits were taken, faceless high rise urban blocks have now taken their space and have totally changed the fabric of traditional community life."

He hopes the exhibition will remind people of a bygone era captured.

Nicky Newbury, visual arts co-ordinator at the

Cornerhouse, says: "Thomas was living with some of these faces, he has known some of these people and you can tell that from these pictures."

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THOMAS JENTSCH

● **Images of the Eighties: Travels in Africa and Asia; the Cornerhouse, 116 Douglas Road, Tolworth; September 9 to September 28, during opening hours; 020 8296 9012; thecornerhouse.org**



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ALL THIS JAZZ

HEADS AND FEET HOUSE BAND



Jazz-lovers can tap their feet and shake their hips to an all-star international band at the Rose Theatre this weekend.

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Joining Tim are award-winning singer Cleveland Watkiss, keyboard player

Jonathan Gee, drummer Winston Clifford, and bassist "Level" Neville Malcolm.

The group brings influences from acts such as Stevie Wonder, Sonny Fortune, the Who and Marlena Shaw.

● **JazzLiveDance; Rose Theatre, High Street, Kingston, September 14, 8.30pm; £8; rosetheatre.kingston.org; 08444 821556.**

OLD FASHION

The beauty of vintage clothing is that it never goes out of style, writes James Pepper.

They say fashion comes in 20 year cycles, for example, take a walk down Brick Lane today and you can expect to see youngsters wearing all sorts of colourful 1990s creations that would not look out of place on the set of the Fresh Prince of Bel Air.

Trendy vintage shops tend to adhere to this cycle and stock what is en vogue, but if you like clothes from a particular era, second-hand shops and car boot sales can be just as fruitful.

But if you want a one-stop shop for vintage, head to a specialist shop.

One such shop is Cenci in West

Norwood. Formerly of Monmouth Street in Covent Garden, charismatic owner Edyth Vaughan – who counts Giorgio Armani among her customers – swapped WC2 for SE27 after seeing her rent rocket.

Speaking about the popularity of vintage clothing, she says: "People want to express themselves by what they wear. They don't want to buy into what the high street dictates to them. Well, some do. Those insecure about their own style want to wear a uniform and look like everyone else, they don't want to stand out, and that's fine. It's just not what we are about."

Price is king at the moment, meaning high-street fashion at knock-down prices wears the crown, but people are waking up to the fact that at such cheap prices, quality is sacrificed.

Judy Berger, who runs Judy's Affordable Vintage Fair, that tours the country selling its

vintage items, says: "We're seeing a huge revival for quality, which means the 1950s is still popular, the prints and the shapes have all been shown by Gucci, Burberry, Mulberry and Prada again this year."

Love all things vintage?

Head to Kingsmeadow on Sunday, September 29, for classic clothes, music and styles under one roof. A Rockin' Good Vintage Day III comes to the Cherry Red Records stadium in Jack Goodchild Way, off Kingston Road. Scarlett Rae and the Cherry Reds will be performing live, plus DJs. To book a stall call 020 8247 9918.

Dapper: Reporter James Pepper tries out the vintage wares in Cenci Deadlinepix SU79104



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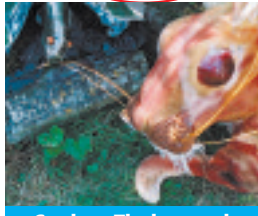


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● **The Hare and the Tortoise;** Vera Fletcher Hall, Embercourt Road, Thames Ditton; September 21, 2.30pm; £8 seat, £6 carpet; 08448 848832, vfh.tickets@gmail.com.

HAVE YOUR CAKE

Cupcakes are literally on the rise. Even the most macho of men cannot resist the cute cream frosted confections covered in colourful sprinkles, writes *Clare Buchanan*.

Traditionally found at the table of children's parties, the melt-in-your-mouth miniature cakes are now found around almost every corner.

The cupcake revival has been helped by TV chefs such as Nigella Lawson and fashionable shops including the Hummingbird Bakery.

Boutique bakery Sweetie Pies serves bespoke cakes customers can enjoy in the quintessential cafe in Twickenham's cobbled

Church Street, or take four for an afternoon treat by the riverside.

The vintage-style tea room, established in 2010, hand-bakes and ices its sweet treats daily and also creates bespoke cupcakes for special occasions.

Owner Rebecca Cefai says: "There's a genuine feeling of nostalgia over cupcakes which I think is something that kicked off the cupcake trend.

"A freshly baked cupcake has that homely taste and smell – something that's so hard to beat. But I think the reason they've stayed around so long is to do with how versatile they are – they really can be tailored and

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Cefai says more and more people are putting on aprons and creating our own, and she offers cupcake decorating parties for just that.

She says: "It's hard to beat the feeling you get when you've baked something from

scratch and you can enjoy it straight out of the oven.

"One of my earliest memories from

my childhood is the time I spent in the kitchen with my parents. If it wasn't mixing the ingredients for dad's special hamburgers, it was helping grate the carrots for mum's carrot cake, or finding the rosemary in the garden for the lamb roast."

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Counting the cost of party-loving animals

Having loud neighbours could knock value off your home

Up to 22 per cent could be wiped off the value of your home if you have party-loving neighbours, according to fresh research.

A survey conducted by haart estate agents reveals that 54 per cent of house hunters are unwilling to live next door to a party house and 43 per cent would not put up with neighbours having loud sexual intercourse most nights – even if they were offered a significant discount on the purchase price to compensate.

Other noise pollutants considered far less offensive to potential buyers include train lines (32 per cent) and motorway traffic (31 per cent).

Only a third (32 per cent) of

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homebuyers are put off by commuter train lines, and even constant animal noises are less of a nuisance, with just 33 per cent unwilling to put up with dogs barking or cockerels crowing.

At the bottom of the list of nuisance noises are motorbikes or diesel van start-ups immediately out the front of the house every morning – with only 26 per cent saying they wouldn't move in to this type of property.

Women are more concerned by troublesome neighbours than men, with nearly two thirds (58 per cent) of female respondents opposed to living

next to a party house (compared to 46 per cent of men). The older generation are also particularly apprehensive, with 74 per cent of those aged 65 and over unwilling to put up with party animals next door.

Young adults aged 16-25 proved to be the least cautious, with 17 per cent happy to live next door to neighbours with a steamy love life most nights with no compensation required whatsoever (compared to 0 per cent of those 65 and over).

Aside from those who would not move in to these properties for any amount of compensation whatsoever, the remaining would demand a substantial discount, with the highest reduction

required to put up with neighbours having regular parties, where people would want an average of 22 per cent off the cost of the property.

Paul Smith, CEO of haart estate agent, said: "It is usually quite simple to find out whether a property is affected by noise from nearby traffic, train lines or motorways, however, it's not so easy to spot the livelier neighbours in just a handful of visits.

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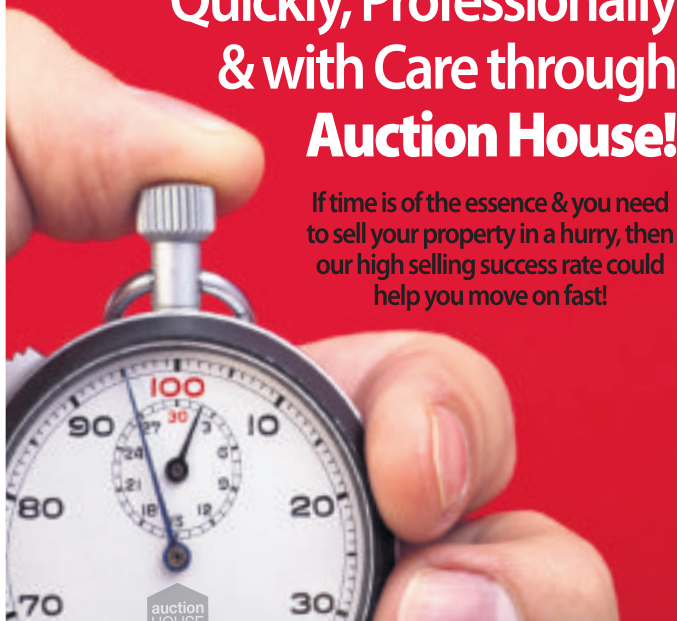
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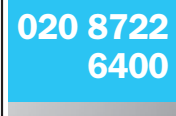
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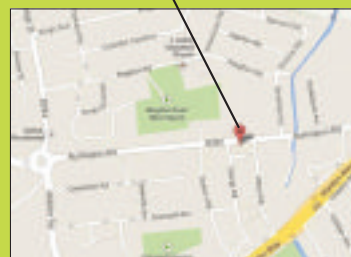


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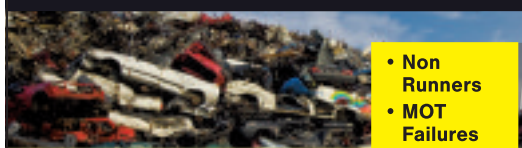
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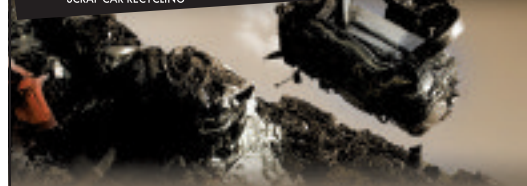
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Decathlete Loic Malroux, pictured right, led home a Kingston AC & Polytechnic one, two, three at the Surrey Combined Events Championships in Carshalton on Saturday.

Frenchman Malroux scored a season's best 6,219 to triumph ahead of 21-year-old clubmate Tom Parry, (4,790), and Kingston's Mark Roberts (4,741) in third.

Laura Darcey was second in the U17 girls heptathlon, with Pippa Earley grabbing a silver in the U13 girls event, while Phoebe Law romped to the U17 girls steeplechase crown.



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Fuller hope

Worcester Park racing driver Howard Fuller hopes blowing the cobwebs off at Rockingham this weekend, will set him up for Silverstone success.

The 21-year-old will make his first British Touring Car Championship appearance of the season for Team Hard in Northamptonshire on Sunday, having impressed pundits on his debut outing last year.

But he is not expecting too much this time around.

"I'm disappointed not to have had more track time this season, but I will not have lost the fundamentals of driving," he said.

"I'm not worried too much about my overall performance this week.

"It is a great opportunity to get comfortable with the car and get it in shape for Silverstone where I think I will be my strongest."



Blonde ambition: Howard Fuller, left, is focusing on getting ready for Silverstone in a fortnight's time



Thwarted: Ks striker Ryan Moss' route to goal is blocked by the Bognor Regis Town defence on Monday

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Kingstonian striker Andre McCollin may be in the form of his life, but boss Alan Dowson wants more.

McCollin scored four goals for Ks in their 4-1 win over Grays Athletic at Kingsmeadow on Saturday, before scoring what proved a consolation in Monday night's 2-1 defeat to Bognor Regis Town.

It took his tally to eight goals in nine games in a campaign that has seen Ks score 17 times in the Ryman Premier League this term.

Fifteen of those have come from McCollin and fellow frontman Ryan Moss, but Dowson is only too aware he needs goals from elsewhere if his men are to maintain a title challenge.

"We've got to sort a few things out," said boss Alan Dowson on Monday night.

"Andre and Ryan have been brilliant and scored 15 goals between them, but if the

opposition stop them we do not look like getting a goal.

"We have to find goals from other areas if we are going to kick on."

Ks went behind to a 23rd minute Ben Godfrey goal for Bognor on Monday night, but McCollin levelled matters from close range in the second half.

But Matt Drage hauled down Kane Wills to receive a second yellow card and concede an 85th minute penalty that substitute Ben Johnson –

who only arrived at the ground 15 minutes before kick-off – placed into the net.

"We lacked that bit of spark, but at the end of the day they were the better team on the night," added Dowson.

Ks travel to Margate in the FA Cup first qualifying round on Saturday, and the manager played down his side's chances of progress.

Dowson joked: "I've not got a great record in the FA Cup, so I think I'll concentrate on the next league game."

SPORTSbrief

FOOTBALL: Former Corinthian Casuals manager Kim Harris is unlikely to return to the King George's Field helm. The 60-year-old, who has spent 33 years in management, stepped down as boss last month due to ill health. "Leaving is very hard to take, and the way I am feeling it is unlikely I shall be back in management," he said. Midfielder Jamie Byatt netted as Corinthian Casuals were held 1-1 at Ramsgate in their first Ryman Division One South clash under Brian Adamson. Casuals are at Mertham in the FA Cup on Saturday.

MARTIAL ARTS: Kingston's Jon-Paul Beanland is the new Undisputed Fight Night heavyweight champ. The 40-year-old used his wife's successful fight against cancer as his inspiration to take the crown on points in Worthing last weekend. Coach Mark Smith said: "After all he and his family have been through, this is a great moment for him."

PARKRUN: Former European U23 cross country champion Emma Pallant retained her unbeaten record at the Bushy Park parkrun on Saturday and set a new personal best time of 16 minutes 27 seconds. Pallant has raced the course seven times and has been the first woman home each time. Anthony Jackson won the men's race in 16:04.



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class timetable



Class Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
07:15	Spin	Total Body Blast	Spin	Fit4 Insane	Zero Tolerance	09:00 Zumba
10:00	Group Induction	Pilates	Aqua Fit			09:00
10:00			Taekwondo Stretch £	Yoga	Aqua Fit	10:00 Pool, Spa, Steam Room & Sauna
11:15		Taekwondo Stretch				10:00 Zumba
12:15					Military Fitness	10:00 Kids Open Pool £
12:45	Cardio Combat	Spin	Military Fitness	Spin		11:00 Ballet Tone
13:15					Pilates	11:00
15:30			Kids Open Pool £			13:00
16:00		Super Sharks Swimming £	Kids Taekwondo £	Super Sharks Swimming £		15:00 Group Induction
16:15	Kids Taekwondo £					16:00 Kids Taekwondo £
17:00					Legs, Bums & Tums	Sunday
17:30	Legs, Bums & Tums		Ab Attack	Zumba		10:15 Spin
17:45		Boxercise			Boxercise	11:00 Group Induction
18:00			Circuits			11:00 Pump & Shape
18:15	Zumba		Spin	Aerobics		14:30 Total Body Blast
18:15	Spin					
18:30		Circuits				
18:30		Spin		Spin	Fit4 Insane	
18:45			Hour of Power £			
19:00	Circuits	Pump & Shape		Pump & Shape	Pump & Shape	
19:00	Aqua Fit		Spin	Group Induction		
19:15				Spin		
19:30	Beginners Pilates	Group Induction				
19:45			Zumba			
20:00		Yoga				
20:15	Advanced Pilates			Zumba		
20:30			Kids Taekwondo £			



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